

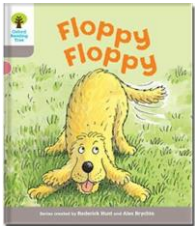


Reading in Early Years at St Mary Magdalene



We want all our children to get the best possible start and to love reading. We believe that the best way to do this is to work together with families to encourage and develop a love of books and independent reading.

In **Nursery** the children are sent home a 'Share Book'. This book will be a story book which the children will choose each week. This is for you to share with them and read together. They can then choose to either draw something or make something related to the story.

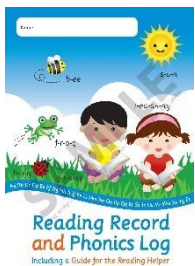


When the Children start **Reception**, the children will bring home a reading book per week. Please make sure that the children read with you **every night either their reading book or a story that you read to them**. Reading should be a positive experience. The more practise and exposure that the children get the more confident they become.

Many of the children's first books will **contain pictures only**. There is still lots of learning that can happen from these books. The children should be able to talk in sentences about what is happening in each picture. All Oxford Reading Tree books have a teaching note card to help you to ask questions, encourage initial reading skills and provide suggested activities that you can do together at home based on the book.



The Collins Big Cat books have additional notes in the back of each book to help you encourage comprehension and to develop your child's understanding of what they have read.



The reading record and phonics log is a way for you to communicate with us how your child is doing with their practise at home. There is a comments box that you should use to tell us how confidently the children were able to apply and use their reading skills. Please comment on your child's reading to help us address any difficulties they are having in school.

Alongside the children's reading book, we will send key words for the children to practise. Some of these words are known as tricky words. These are the words the children need to learn by sight. Other words can be practised using the children's developing knowledge of sounds. These word cards can be used as flashcards or for games like snap etc.

to	the	no	go	I
into				

he	she	we	me	be
was	you	they	all	my
are	her			

said	have	like	so	do
some	come	were	there	little
one	when	out	one	

oh	their	people	looked	Mr
Mrs	called	asked	could	

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of the Early years Staff.